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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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**Part B for** August 1942

SUBJECT

Representation No. 8 Mr M. N. Jois
"Scorched Earth" Policy not to be introduced
in the State

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There is no reference in this Section re: Scouts Earth Policy contemplated by the Govt of India. There are three resolutions on the subject

It is for orders if these should be allowed

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CHIEF SECRETARY 6. MAY 1942 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Mr Myson informs. Since for Law no such policy in view, then the existing cause of the Association

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2nd R. to papers for review by pertinent extract of the discussion on this subject

SG. 12/6.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY & LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 13 JUNE 1942

Concerned extract (Rst.) is put up herewith

War Section.

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No further action is called for. may be filed here

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The Representative Assembly

Budget Session - 1943.

Representation No.107.

Summary of representation.

Scorched earth policy not to be brought into action.

Mr. M.N. Jois (Mysore City - Urban).

It is prayed ~~to Government not to bring into action~~ that the scorched earth policy contemplated by the Government of India may not be introduced in the State.

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Extract from The Proceedings of The Representative Assembly. Budget Session 1

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Representations.

No.8. 'Scortched earth' policy not be brought into action.

Mr. M.N.Jois (Mysore City - Urban)

Mr. M.N.JOIS prayed that the 'scortched earth' policy contemplated by the Government of India should not be introduced in the State. He added that if Government accepted the representation, he would not dwell at length on it.

The PRESIDENT replied that Government were in agreement with the idea behind the representation and that there need be no apprehension about that.

Mr. M.N.JOIS said that he felt certain doubts in regard to war risks insurance scheme referred to by the Dewan in his opening Address and wished to be cleared of them.

The PRESIDENT enquired whether the member ~~would be satisfied if on that point~~ wanted an explanation ~~was made to be~~ given of the main features of the scheme.

Mr. M.N.JOIS replied in the affirmative.

Rajasevaprasakta A.V.RAMANATHAN (Minister for Law) explaining the scheme said that it was essentially one of denying all facilities to the enemy under whatever circumstances and had no relation whatsoever with the 'scortched earth' policy referred to in the representation and ordinarily understood from newspaper reports. If, however, there was loss to property occasioned either by enemy action or from destructive measures taken by or under the orders of Government with a view to denying facilities to the

enemy, the loss was proposed to be made good by war risk insurance. That was ~~all~~ the sum and substance of the scheme. He hoped the member would now rest satisfied.

Mr. M.N.JOIS felt that even that term "denial of all facilities" required to be made clear.

Mr. A.V.RAMANATHAN further explained by taking an instance of the enemy occupying ~~somebody's land~~ a place. Then, if there was ~~fear~~ risk that the enemy might use a particular equipment there for his benefit ~~the property against the interests of the owners~~ so as to increase his ability for further military operation ~~or others~~, and the policy adumbrated ~~in the scheme~~ was that no such tactical advantage should be ~~given~~ available to the enemy. On this point, the speaker pointed out, there was no difference of opinion between the Government and the people, as could be gathered from ~~even~~ newspaper reports. 'Denial of facilities meant denial of all those facilities as might enable ~~connected~~ to consolidate his position and extend his ~~attack~~ with the enemy's attack on people. These facilities must be denied to him so that the Allies might win.

Mr. M.N.JOIS said that every one hoped that there would be a victory. But, even, then, there would surely be loss here. He wanted to be made clear how facilities could be denied.

The PRESIDENT replied that beyond what had been stated already, it was difficult to ~~make~~ elaborate further the point ~~clearer~~ ~~because everything~~ as it was hypothetical.

Mr. M.N.JOIS next enquired whether the Electric Works, the Iron and Steel Works, the Kolar Gold Mines, the Water Works and such other

concerns all came within the ambit of the term "denial of all facilities"

The PRESIDENT remarked that ~~when the answer given already seemed to be reassuring~~, it was better if details were not gone into ~~on the present occasion~~ then.

Mr. K.CHENGALARAYA REDDY wished to know whether with reference to this scheme there was any pressure brought to bear by the Government of India on the Mysore Government.

The PRESIDENT thought that ~~the less one spoke about the subject, the better it was.~~ There was no ground for such a suggestion.